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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
AKITOSHI KIKUCHI)
Application No.: 09/988,439)
Filed: November 20, 2001)
For: STEPPING MOTOR)
CONTROLLING APPARATUS)
AND METHOD, AND IMAGE)
READING APPARATUS AND)
METHOD)
Examiner: Renata D. McCloud
Group Art Unit: 2837
July 2, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004 to July 2, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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